

RENEW, REVITALIZE, REORGANIZE WARD SEVEN HIGHLIGHTS

Renew: Innovative Programs

In order to provide equitable access to diverse and high quality programs, DCPS is developing, expanding, and strengthening special programs at schools across the city, including the following proposed programs for Ward Seven schools.

NALLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL **(Likely receiving school for Smothers)**

NALLE will feature a **FINE ARTS** focus. Partnering with the Fillmore Arts Center and local arts institutions such as the Smithsonian and the Kennedy Center, the program would offer a rich mix of performing arts, visual arts, and creative writing – alongside a rigorous general curriculum. Participation in the arts is an excellent way to tap the various kinds of intelligences that different children demonstrate, opening up to them additional avenues for achieving competence.

KELLY MILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL

KELLY MILLER will offer a **GIFTED AND TALENTED** program. Neighborhood students will come together with students from other parts of the city to engage in a variety of specialized services. From elementary school through high school, Gifted and Talented programs encourage differentiation of classroom lessons to meet the needs of individual learners, enrichment lessons to go deeper into content, and accelerated learning opportunities. Beginning in middle school, we offer honors classes, advanced courses in core academic areas, opportunities for independent research, and support for students to focus work in specific areas of interest.

RON BROWN/MERRITT MIDDLE SCHOOL **H.D. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL**

RON BROWN-MERRITT will become a **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH (STEM)** program serving students in grades 6-8. STEM programs combine a rigorous general curriculum with an emphasis in math and science. Students learn course content through demanding individual and group projects that aim to address real-world problems, and develop technology skills as the vehicles for project research and presentation delivery. Similarly, the new H.D. WOODSON would also feature a STEM program allowing for the potential partnership between schools in order to create a 6-12 STEM continuum.

Revitalize: The Staff and Resources Every School Needs

Our vision is for all of our schools to provide the comprehensive programming our students need and deserve, including art, music, and PE; a team of practitioners to help students and families with socio-emotional needs; administrative support to allow principals time to focus on instruction; and additional academic support to students.

For 2008, we will prioritize the schools receiving students as a result of closures and consolidations for this comprehensive staffing model. This includes **AITON, BENNING, and PLUMMER** (likely receiving schools for Smothers), as well as **RON BROWN-MERRITT**.